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## **AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

TECHNOLOGY CENTER ROSS. In response to the Official Action dated October 9, 2003, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.